

F. List of Preparers and Persons Consulted

F.1 Public Participation and Notification

An important part of the environmental review process is to engage the public and agencies early to effectively address issues, comments, and concerns in the EIS/EIR. Public participation and notification starts with scoping and goes through to the Final EIS/EIR. For the Littlerock Sediment Removal Project, the scoping period commenced on March 7, 2014 and ended on April 15, 2014. During scoping, the PWD and USDA Forest Service provided opportunities for the public, agencies, and interested parties to provide comments on the scope and content of the EIS/EIR. The key components of these activities are summarized below.

F.1.1 NEPA/CEQA Notices

- The USDA Forest Service published the Notice of Intent in the Federal Register on March 19, 2014, which commenced the NEPA scoping period.
- The PWD submitted the Notice of Preparation (NOP) to the State Clearinghouse on March 7, 2014 (SCH# 2005061171), commencing the CEQA 30-day scoping period.

F.1.2 Public Notices

- The PWD distributed over 1,000 NOPs to property owners, agencies, other interested parties, and to public repository sites. The NOP announces the preparation of the EIS/EIR, provided Project information, and announced the public scoping meeting.
- Advertisements regarding the EIS/EIR and the public scoping meeting were placed in five local and regional newspapers from March 10 to 15, 2014.

F.1.3 Public Scoping Meeting

The PWD and USDA Forest Service held one scoping meeting on March 25, 2014 at the PWD Boardroom. Representatives of the PWD, USDA Forest Service, and the EIS/EIR technical team attended the scoping meeting to respond to questions regarding the Project. However, no members of the public attended the meeting despite the public notifications.

F.1.4 Scoping Comments

Thirteen written comment letters were submitted on the Project. Some of the key issues are summarized below:

- A traffic study was requested to evaluate how Project traffic may impact local streets.
- Concerns with the potential for impacts on cultural resources and a request to continue to involve tribal representatives and the Native American Heritage Commission.
- Residents expressed concern with the potential for Valley Fever and requested that another area be considered for the deposit site.
- Request to include information on sensitive plants, fish and wildlife in the EIS/EIR and to address known concentrations of mercury and polychlorinated biphenyls at the reservoir.
- Permits may be needed from the City of Palmdale and the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Appendix E provides details on the public participation and notification conducted on the Project. Refer to the appendix for all of the scoping comments provided on the Project.

F.2 Organizations and Persons Consulted

Table F-1. Organizations and Persons Consulted	
Name/Agency or Company	Title or Role
Jesse Bennett, USFWS	Federal Endangered Species Act Compliance
Antall Szijj, Army Corps of Engineers	Regulatory Office
Gary Lippner, DWR (North Central District)	Regional Planning and Coordination Branch Chief
Paul Larson, DWR (North Central District)	California-Nevada and Watershed Assessment, Senior Engineer
Mary Guerin, DWR (Southern District)	Senior Environmental Scientist
David Inouye, DWR (Southern District)	Senior Land and Water Use Analyst
Alan De Salvio, MDAQMD	Supervising Air Quality Engineering
Tim Hovey, CDFW	Arroyo toad and fisheries
Scott Harris, CDFW	Biological Resources and CEQA considerations
Kelly Schmoker, CDFW	State Endangered Species Act Compliance
Sara Rains, CDFW	State 1600-1608 Permitting
Juan Carrillo, Assistant Planner, City of Palmdale	Cumulative Projects List
Ruben Ramirez, Cadre Environmental	Arroyo toad ecology
Lawrence Hunt, Hunt and Associates	Arroyo toad ecology
William Haas, Pacific Coast Conservation Alliance	Arroyo toad and vertebrate ecology
Lori Clifton, Hi-Grade Materials, Inc.	Sediment Disposal

F.3 Preparers and Contributors

Table F-2. CEQA and NEPA Lead Agencies	
Name	Role
Palmdale Water District	
Dennis LaMoreaux	General Manager
Matthew Knudson	Assistant General Manager
James Riley	Engineering/ Grant Manager
U.S. Forest Service	
Wilburn Blount	District Ranger, Santa Clara Mojave Rivers Ranger District, Angeles National Forest
Lorraine Gerchas	Lands Program Manager, Recreation & Lands Special Uses, Real Estate Management
Justin Seastrand	Environmental Coordinator
David S. Peebles	Archaeologist
Leslie Welch	Biologist
Nathan Sill	Biologist
Teresa Sue	Biologist
Peter Johnston	Biologist
Katy Vin Zant	Biologist

Table F-3. Consultant Team			
Name	Project Role	Education/Certifications	Years of Experience
Aspen Environmental Group			
Negar Vahidi	EIS/EIR Project Manager, Land Use Technical Lead	B.A. Political Science (with Highest Honors) Master of Public Administration (MPA)	20
William Walters, P.E.	Air Quality and Climate Change	B.S. Chemical Engineering, Professional Engineer (P.E.)	28
Philip Lowe	Hydrology	B.S. Wildlife Management M.S. Watershed Management Professional Engineer (PE)	35
Scott Debauche, CEP	Project Description, Visual/Aesthetics, Noise, Transportation and Traffic; Deputy Project Manager	B.S. Urban Planning and Design Board Certified Environmental Planner (CEP) #12040973	18
Sandra Alarcón-Lopez	Public Involvement	BA, Speech and Hearing Sciences MA, Architecture and Urban Planning	30
Tatiana Inouye	Recreation and Land Use, Wildfire Prevention and Suppression; Project Assistant	B.S. Biology Master of Environmental Science and Management	10
Chris Huntley	Deputy Project Manager/Biological Resources/Permitting Technical Lead	B.A. Biology	17
Jared Varonin, CFP	Biological Resources, Jurisdictional Delineations	B.S. Ecology and Systematic Biology	14
Carla Wakeman	Biological Resources	B.A. Biology M.A. Biology	20
Justin Wood	Biological Field Studies, Jurisdictional Delineations	B.S. Biology M.S. Biology	13
Jennifer Lancaster	Biological Resources	B.S., Biology M.S., Biology	13
Matthew Long	Geology and Soils, Water Quality and Resources	B.A. Comparative Literature Master of Public Policy (MPP) Master of Environmental Science (MESc)	7
Andrew Flores	Cumulative Projects	B.A. Politics Master of Urban and Regional Planning (MURP)	8
Mark Tangard	Document Production, Word Processing	BA (with highest honors), Geography	40
Emily Chittea	Document Production, Editor	B.A. English Literature	3
Tracy Popiel	GIS Specialist	B.S., Biology M.A., Geography	8
Garland and Associates			
Richard Garland, P.E.	Transportation and Traffic	MS Civil Engineering; BS Civil Engineering; P.E. Traffic Engineering	32
Applied Earthworks			
Tiffany C. Clark	Cultural Resources	M.A. Anthropology Ph.D. Anthropology	20
Joan George	Cultural Resources	B.S. Physical Anthropology	17

F.4 Distribution of the EIS/EIR

The PWD and USDA Forest Service issued the Draft EIS/EIR on May 6, 2016. The Draft document provided a detailed analysis of 13 environmental disciplines and an evaluation of alternatives to the proposed project, including the No Project/No Action alternative. The key components of the Draft EIS/EIR noticing and distribution are highlighted below.

F.4.1 NEPA/CEQA Notices

- The USDA Forest Service published the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register on May 6, 2016, which commenced the NEPA public review period.
- The PWD submitted a Notice of Completion to the State Clearinghouse on May 6, 2016 (SCH# 2005061171), commencing the CEQA 45-day public comment period.

F.4.2 Public Notices

Copies of the full Draft EIS/EIR and appendices were sent to 15 different local, State, and federal agencies and to four repositories. An additional 10 agencies and organizations and 8 tribal government representatives received electronic copies of the Draft EIS/EIR on CD; some agencies received both a hard copy and an electronic copy of the document. This distribution also included a Notice of Availability (NOA) with each document. The following agencies received a copy of the Draft EIS/EIR:

Hard Copies

- Angeles National Forest
- Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- California Department of Water Resources
- City of Palmdale
- County of Los Angeles
- Regional Water Quality Control District
- Littlerock Creek Irrigation District
- National Agricultural Library
- Palmdale Water District
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- US EPA
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- US Forest Service
- US Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Electronic (CDs)

- Acton Town Council
- Agua Dulce Town Council
- Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency
- City of Lancaster
- City/County Native American Indian Commission
- Edwards Air Force Base
- Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission IndiansKern Valley Indian Council
- Kitanemuk & Yowlumne Tejon Indians
- Littlerock Lake Resort
- Littlerock Town Council
- Sacred Site Committee of AV
- San Fernando Band of Mission Indians
- Subcommittee on Water Resources and the Environment
- Tehachapi Indian Tribes
- Ti'At Society – Inter-tribal Council of Pimu
- USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
- Vasquez Rocks County NA

- The PWD distributed more than 950 NOAs to property owners and other interested parties. The NOA provided information on how to access the Draft EIS/EIR, information about the Project, the date and time of the informational workshop, and how to comment on the EIS/EIR.
- Advertisements regarding the Draft EIS/EIR and the public workshop were placed in the same five local and regional newspapers used during scoping.

F.4.3 Public Scoping Meeting

The PWD and USDA Forest Service will conduct one public workshop on May 19, 2016 at the PWD Boardroom. Representatives of the PWD, USDA Forest Service, and the EIS/EIR technical team will attend the workshop to respond to questions regarding the Project.

F.4.4 Public Review Comments

All written comments submitted on the Project will be responded to in the Final EIS/EIR (response to comments). The PWD and the USDA Forest Service will accept written comments from May 6 through June 20, 2016. Written comments must be submitted by, or postmarked on or before, June 20, 2016. Please submit comments to:

**Forest Service/Palmdale Water District
c/o Aspen Environmental Group
5020 Chesebro Road, Suite 200
Agoura Hills, CA 91301**

By Electronic Mail: E-mail communications are welcome and will be accepted as official comments; however, please remember to include your name and return address in the email message. Email messages should be sent to: **LSRP@aspeneg.com**.